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REPORT ON "YURLJ's" IRRESPONSIBLE CONDUCT IN MEXICO
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[Two-part message complete]

[Part I] Reference No. 3602. [a] For PETROV. [1]

We are sending by teletype a letter of "LUKE's". [11]

"YURLJ's" [11i] light-hearted approach to the "GNOME(GNOM)" [iv] case does not inspire any [2-group garbled] in his ability to cope with the task set him. Working jointly with him has shown that the case is in inexperienced and far from firm hands.

[43 groups unrecovered]

that it was not done by him and the like. [4 groups unrecovered] YURLJ dropped work and drove off 60 miles to his country cottage, for 2 or 3 days making it impossible for me to co-ordinate urgent matters. He adopted an impatient attitude to [14 groups unrecovered] despite a direct prohibition against getting in touch with YURLJ [1 group unrecovered] "ANTON" [v] used to meet [OK him]. The use [OK of the latter] on the present work will make it possible if YURLJ is sent away [9 groups unrecovered] this sort of methods [7 groups unrecovered] he used to leave the TRUST [TRUST] [vi] 10-15 minutes [OK before] schedule. My remarks about the breach of instructions [3 groups unrecovered] did not know of their existence. Subsequently [3 groups unrecovered] [OK ANTON] [3 groups unrecovered] tried to prevent me from taking part in business from the moment when through

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ANTON I speeded up GNOME's coming out into

[50 groups unrecovered]

[Part II]

GNOME's coming out but YURLJ refused

[21 groups unrecovered]

that we wish the case

[18 groups unrecoverable]

worker to direct the GNOME case on the spot, making all the resources of the office subordinate to him. [7 groups unrecovered] endless ill-considered and dangerous exercises. YURLJ is living in grand style. He has rented a house with grounds, has two hired servants in addition to [1 group unrecovered], has been breeding poultry, parrots and the like [10 groups unrecovered] director on setting up [3 groups unrecovered] suspicions. Ignoring [3 groups unrecovered] LEONID [vii] in TYRE [TIR] [viii] and there

[21 groups unrecovered]

and the like. The unnatural closeness of the relations is bewildering everyone. In the COUNTRYSIDE (DEREYNYA) [ix] by reason of his rude and tactless behaviour YURLJ is meeting with almost universal hostility from the staff [KOLLEKTIV]. He systematically sets himself up in opposition to the "EDITOR (REDAKTOR)" [x], with whom at the present moment this is giving rise to frequent clashes that affect the whole staff. The EDITOR asked me to pass on to our leaders [RUKOVOdstVO] that if YURLJ does not alter his line of conduct he will be forced to raise the question of having him sent away. I think that in the interests of our affairs YURLJ should be warned to behave less irresponsibly."

Forwarding has been held up because of a two months' break in communications.

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GIFT (DAR) [xi]

T.N.: [a] Not available.

Comments: [i] PETROV : Unidentified MOSCOW addressee.
[ii] LUKA : Pavel P. KLARN, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in MEXICO CITY until May 1944.
[iii] YURLJ : Lev A. TARASOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in MEXICO CITY.
[iv] GNOME : Jacques MURNARD.
[v] ANTON : Presumably Francisco ANTON.
[vi] TRUST : Soviet Embassy.
[vii] LEONID : Alexei Nikolaevich PROKHOROV.
[viii] TYRE : NEW YORK.
[ix] COUNTRYSIDE: MEXICO.
[x] EDITOR : Konstantin Aleksandrovich UMANSKIY, Soviet Ambassador to MEXICO.
[xi] GIFT : Grigoriy Pavlovich KASPAROV, Soviet Vice-Consul in SAN FRANCISCO.

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